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POLISH RESOLUTION ON LONG-TERM TRENDS IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

REF: USUN 5938; STATE 268568

1. THE POLISH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN COMMITTEE II (ECON)
NOVEMBER 14 BY VOTE OF 104 YES, ZERO NO, AND 13(US)
ABSTENTIONS ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. CONTROVERSIAL THIRD
PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH CONTAINING PHRASES "PEACEFUL CO-
EXISTENCE" AND "RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED
IN SEPARATE VOTE 88 YES, 14(US) NO, AND 9 ABSTENTIONS.

2. EC-9 (ITALY) WITHDREW PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PREAMBULAR
PARAGRAPH THREE WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED REFERENCE TO
"PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE." IN PRE-VOTE EXPLANATION, EC-9
IDENTIFIED DIFFICULTIES WITH "PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE,"
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AND RECENTLY "REDEFINED CONCEPT OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION"

THEREBY MAKING CLEAR THERE IS IN THEIR VIEW A LINK BETWEEN THIS PARA AND THE ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION. THEY FURTHER QUESTIONED THE VALUE OF THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM STUDIES IN THE RESOLUTION'S OPERATIVE PARA. EC-9 VOTED NO ON THIRD PREAMBULAR AND ABSTAINED ON THE WHOLE. (FULL TEXT OF EC-9 STATEMENT BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.)

3. US (MYERSON) MADE BRIEF EXPLANATION RE THIRD PREAMBULAR, AGREED AS PER REFTELS AND NOVEMBER 14 TELCONS. US FOUND WORDING AMBIGUOUS, IMPRECISE, IRRELEVANT TO STATED PURPOSES OF THE RESOLUTION, AND REFERRING TO TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE CONCEPT AS EC-9 HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED. US ALSO QUESTIONED UTILITY OF PROPOSED STUDIES AND VOTED NO ON THIRD PREAMBULAR WHILE ABSTAINING ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. (TEXT OF US STATEMENT BY SEPTTEL.) CANADA TOOK THE SAME ACTION FOR THE SAME REASONS. OTHER NO VOTES ON THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WERE ICELAND AND ISRAEL.

4. OF THE EIGHT ABSTAINING ON THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH VOTE, NORWAY, FINLAND, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, AND AUSTRALIA INDICATED THEIR ACTION WAS RELATED TO THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PHRASE. FINLAND FOUND IT AMBIGUOUS; SWEDEN DECLARED ITS POSITION WAS MADE CLEAR ON THIS ISSUE IN THE GA; AUSTRIA STATED IT COULD NOT COMPROMISE ITS PRINCIPLES AND THAT THE ISSUE WAS UNRELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION; NORWAY FOUND ISSUE NONRELATED TO SUBSTANCE AND DECLARED NORWAY DOES NOT INCLUDE ANTI-ZIONISM UNDER THE HEADING OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. AUSTRALIA SAID THAT SO FAR AS IT IS CONCERNED, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION REMAINS AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 1 IN THE UN CONVENTION ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. URUGUAY FOUND THE ISSUE "OUT OF CONTEXT." FIJI AND SWAZILAND OFFERED NO EXPLANATION.

5. PERHAPS MOST NOTEWORTHY FEATURE OF THE VOTE WAS FACT THAT JAPAN VOTED YES ON THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. IN EXPLANATION JAPAN CONFIRMED THAT ITS POSITION ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CONTINUED TO BE THAT IT TOOK IN THE GA. IN THE COORDINATING GROUP MEETING OF WEO THAT TOOK PLACE THE PREVIOUS DAY, THE JAPANESE DELEGATE GAVE NO INDICATION OF ITS VOTING POSITION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS RESOLUTION EVEN THOUGH FOR OTHER WEO'S THE SOLE ISSUE HAD BEEN WHETHER TO VOTE NO OR TO ABSTAIN AND WHETHER TO EXPLAIN VOTES.

6. IN PRE-VOTE STATEMENT THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT LANGUAGE IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH THREE WAS IN FACT TAKEN FROM PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. HE REGRETTED THAT OTHERS HAVE NOW "WITHDRAWN

APPROVALS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THIS DOCUMENT."
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN AND LIBYA STATED THEIR CONTINUED
SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION. POLAND, AS PRIME AUTHOR OF
RESOLUTION, STATED THAT "PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE" PHRASE
APPEARS IN MANY UN DOCUMENTS AND THAT THIS WAS NO
OFFICIAL UN POLICY. HE ALSO DEFENDED SUBSTANCE OF STUDY AS
SIMPLY AN EXTENSION OF ECE-TYPE STUDIES TO OTHER REGIONS.

7. CHINA, IN FAMILIAR RHETORIC IDENTIFIED PLIGHT OF
THIRD WORLD AS CONSEQUENCE OF IMPERIALIST PLUNDER AND
EXPLOITATION. CHINA CONTINUED ITS OPPOSITION
TO COLONIALISM, APARTHEID, RACISM, AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
BUT CONCLUDED IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE IN VIEW
OF FACT THAT RESOLUTION WAS TAINTED BY ITS ORIGINS--
A HEGEMONISTIC SUPER-POWER (READ USSR).

8. COMMENT: MANY IF NOT MOST DELEGATIONS LOOKED TO
THE VOTE ON PREAMBULAR PARA THREE AS FIRST
OCCASION TO ESTABLISH A PATTERN FOR HANDLING REFERENCES TO
"RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" INSERTED BY ARAB STATES OR SYMPA-
THIZERS IN WAKE OF THE GA'S ADOPTION OF THE ZIONISM-
RACISM RESOLUTION. THE US, EC-9, CANADA, ICELAND, COSTA
RICA AND OF COURSE ISRAEL VOTED NO. EIGHT OTHERS WHO
HAD OPPOSED THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION ABSTAINED WITH
EXPLANATION OF VOTE. JAPAN AS INDICATED ABOVE VOTED YES
WITH EXPLANATION. ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, A FEW
DELEGATIONS MIGHT HAVE ABSTAINED IN ABSENCE OF THE
CONTROVERSY ON THE PREAMBLE, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT
MOST ABSTENTIONS WERE NOT DUE TO OPERATIVE PARAS. INDEED,
IN ABSENCE OF THIS CONTROVERSY THE RESOLUTION MIGHT HAVE
BEEN PASSED WITHOUT A VOTE.
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